

## SPONSORS

The sponsor must be a practicing Catholic who has already been confirmed, and **should be at least 21 years old**. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of Godparent at baptism be the Sponsor at Confirmation. The sponsor is a role model for the candidate and will need the time to be involved with the candidate in offering guidance and support, not just during preparation for Confirmation, but for life. For this reason, older brothers and sisters in high school do not represent the best choice as sponsors, as they are still developing their own faith life.

According to Canons 893.1 and 874.5, **PARENTS CANNOT BE SPONSORS**, although they can be a proxy for a sponsor that lives a great distance away. Please think about what the role of the sponsor entails---can someone your child has minimal contact with be a strong mentor to them? The sponsor need not be a relative or someone of the same sex.

## MENTOR In Place of SPONSOR

Candidates, if your sponsor cannot carry out the duties listed above, with the help of your parents you are asked to choose a mentor, an adult practicing Catholic who has already been Confirmed and is an active member of the Catholic Christian community. Your mentor will walk with you offering guidance and support as you grow in your understanding of the Catholic Faith. Please note that it is up to you, the candidate, to choose a mentor. Your parents are not to choose someone they have had in mind for years, because this person is meant to be a member of faith that YOU are comfortable with.

### **Sponsors/mentors are required to be involved in the following:**

- Rite of Enrollment – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm Mass.
- Three classes with the candidate - November 20, 2016, March 5, 2017 and May 7, 2017 (all held in the Parish Center from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM).
- 5 hours of service with the candidate
- Rehearsal and the Rite of Confirmation in September/October/November. Dates to be announced by the Bishop's Office in July.

Please fill out the information form and the questions on the back of this paper and return to the retreat on **Saturday, October 15, 2016**.

Sponsors/mentors, including those from St. Joseph Parish, Dexter, will need to complete the "Permission to be a Sponsor" letter (in red folder) and have the pastor of their home parish (Fr. Brendan if sponsor is a St. Joseph member), sign it and send it to our office or bring it to class by **October 30, 2016**.

## SPONSOR/MENTOR INFORMATION

CANDIDATE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR/MENTOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e. Friend, Aunt, Uncle, etc.)

MEMBER OF: \_\_\_\_\_ PARISH

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR SPONSOR/MENTOR

- 1) What does it mean to you to be a Catholic?
- 2) How do you live that in your daily life?
- 3) How are you actively involved in the Catholic community of which you are a member?
- 4) How and when do you pray?
- 5) What prayer has the most meaning to you? Why?
- 6) Read and discuss the Nicene Creed together. Which part do you find the most meaningful? Why?